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Valerie Knepper
Project Manager
MTC
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4700
Re: MTC Parking Policy Study

Dear Valerie:

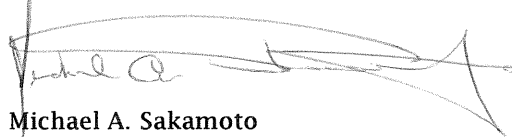
On behalf of the City, I write to support our application for assistance by MTC, and to contribute to MTC's "Reforming Parking Policies to Support Smart Growth" project ("Parking Policy Project").

MTC intends to build on national and local work to propose reformed parking policies and approaches to address the needs of local communities, commuters, businesses, and other stakeholders for mixed use/ transit-oriented and infill land use developments. The Project will evaluate current and potential parking policies, assess which policies have benefits for which kinds of areas, and recommend potential supportive regional and state policies.

Hercules certainly has an interest and strong commitment at the policy and administrative levels in exploring innovative parking policies around transit hubs and town centers. Hercules has a substantial opportunity for implementing parking innovations soon. Hercules has two areas recognized as key TOD's, each of which can be used to demonstrate new approaches to parking policy.

We understand that MTC has invited Hercules to apply for a role as a case study subject for the Parking Policy Project. As a participating city, Hercules will serve as one of the case studies and will receive expert consultant advice without charge. Hercules staff will assist in the development of parking policies by providing information, defining data needs for consultants' field work, and assisting in working with stakeholders in formulating and implementing local policy. Hercules staff will also participate in the Project's Technical Advisory Committee, which will meet approximately once a month for the next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Sakamoto", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael A. Sakamoto
City Manager

cc: Councilmembers
Planning Commissioners